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1. The material demand of the Main Administration for Heavy Chemistry for the 1956 investment program was as follows:

Kind of Material	1956 Demand (in Tons)	Quota already by the Ministry for Heavy Industry (in Tons)
Round U. steel MP 8 - 18	255	20.5
I and U steel MP 20 - 40	255	9.5
Fine bar steel	1,750	13.0
Thin metal plate up to 3 mm	25	1.1
Commercial sheet of 5 mm and more	50	10.0
Medium plate up to 5 mm	45	3.5
Welded tubes	51	6.0
Portland cement	16,000	15.0
Sawn timber (cbm)	1,800	15.0
Ceramic tubes	800	0.0

2. In April 1956, there was a considerable lack of round steel in the G.D.R. with the result that construction projects of the Main Administration for Heavy Chemistry were called into question. With the available quotas of round steel, construction work could only be done until about July 1956. An inquiry concerning this problem was sent to E. Werner Winkler, Minister for Chemical Industry, who answered that no round steel was delivered by the West and that he did not know whom a delivery could be again counted upon.

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